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INDIANA PROFESSIONAL LICENSING AGENCY AND BOARD OF PHARMACY PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

Indianapolis, IN – The annual nationwide drug take-back will take place on April 28th and 29th, encouraging Hoosiers to safely dispose of old medicines.

The Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) and the Board of Pharmacy will sponsor five locations in Indiana, to collect all unwanted and unused drugs for appropriate removal.

Proper disposal of old medicines prevents the higher likelihood of medicine theft, prescription drug abuse, accidental poisoning, and identity theft.

“The Board of Pharmacy and IPLA advocate for the safe disposal of unwanted drugs, and the health of Hoosiers across the state,” said Deborah J. Frye, Executive Director of the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency. “We are pleased to partner with law enforcement officials and the Drug Enforcement Agency to dispose of expired medicines, which may be harmful to the environment and human health.”

While controlled substance can help patients with pain relief, the potential for drug addiction is extremely high. Indiana is currently facing a drug epidemic, leaving a rising number of individuals in critical care due to overdoses, specifically involving opioids.

In his five pillar agenda, Governor Eric Holcomb highlights the importance of attacking the present drug epidemic. Proper disposal of old medicines will avert the abuse of unused drugs, and help combat the number of drug-overdoses in Indiana.

Individuals can take their old medicines to the following locations, sponsored by IPLA and the Board of Pharmacy:

**April 28 2017, 9:00am - 1:00pm**

Walgreens 330 West State Blvd

Fort Wayne, IN

Sponsored by *Angel Corps*

**April 29 2017, 10:00am – 2:00pm**

Marsh 6965 West 38th St

Indianapolis, IN 46254

Marsh 14450 Mundy Drive

Noblesville, IN 46060

**\*Location Cancelled**

CVS 5981 West Broadway

McCordsville, IN

North Vernon Fire Department  
2000 North Madison Avenue  
North Vernon, Indiana

Marsh Supermarket & Pharmacy  
2940 Broadway, Anderson, IN 46012

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